



# SUTHERLAND NEWSLETTER

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*Our Global Perspectives Program (GPP) students had a wonderful time at @cheakamuscentre today participating in Indigenous cultural programming. Thanks for having us, Cheakamus! We are so lucky to have the opportunity to learn and grow on the traditional, unceded lands of the Squamish and Tsleil-Waututh Peoples*



*125 senior students and staff participated in the Missing & Murdered Indigenous Women & Girls March in Vancouver's downtown east side on February 14th. A powerful day of reflection, experience and social activism for our students.*

*In case you missed it, please click [here](#) to view the February edition of Sabre News!*

Greetings to our School Community,

As we embrace the third week of Semester Two, the campus is buzzing with anticipation as students actively explore their course selections for the upcoming school year. We are thrilled to share that our recent in-person Course Programming Presentations in the evenings for parents and guardians were a resounding success. Our dedicated counselors have been deeply engaged with students, offering insights into the diverse range of courses available for the next academic year and assisting them in making well-informed decisions aligned with their unique aspirations.

To explore our comprehensive course offerings, the Course Programming Guide is readily accessible on our website. Navigate to the "Student" menu, and you'll find the dedicated section labeled "Course Programming." The Course Request window closes on March 3rd. Course request forms are due in the office March 4th.

In the spirit of inclusivity and celebration, we also acknowledge and honor February as Black History Month. As part of our commemoration, we've been celebrating Black voices through daily music and announcements. A heartfelt thank you to our students, Eli and Ililo, for their outstanding efforts in selecting songs and crafting announcements to accompany them. Their dedication contributes significantly to the richness of our Black History Month festivities.

Let us seize this opportunity to reflect, appreciate, and continue fostering an environment of diversity and understanding within our school community.

Wishing you all continued success and vibrancy throughout the semester!

Warm regards,

Sutherland Newsletter Team





## MORE FEBRUARY HIGHLIGHTS



A group of Grade 8s in their metalwork class are learning how to make jewelry! We can't wait to see what the finished products look like!



Our Guitar students had their semester-end performances today. Great work, everyone! It was wonderful to see your hard work and practice in action!

## YEARBOOK ORDERING DEADLINE: MARCH 1, 2024



This is an important reminder: **March 1st** is the final day to purchase a yearbook for this year. Yearbooks can be bought via [SchoolCashOnline](#). Yearbooks cost \$50. Please order your yearbook today before it is too late. Yearbooks are a great way to hang on to the memories from this school year. Don't miss out!

## YOUNG ENTREPRENEURSHIP AND LEADERSHIP LAUNCHPAD



Current Grade 10 and 11 students are invited to apply to YELL for the 2024/25 school year. Applications are accepted until March 8, 2024. For more information or how to apply please click [here](#).

The Young Entrepreneurship and Leadership Launchpad (YELL) is offered at Sutherland Secondary School and Handsworth Secondary School. YELL is great for Grade 11 or Grade 12 students with an interest in business or who have an entrepreneurial spirit.

[HTTPS://WWW.SD44.CA/SCHOOL/SUTHERLAND](https://www.sd44.ca/school/sutherland)

# VISIT FROM THE PRIME MINISTER

In case you missed the buzz from last week, we're excited to fill you in on a remarkable event that unfolded at our school. We were honored to host Prime Minister Justin Trudeau, who took the time to connect with our students, answer questions, and share snippets of his personal journey.

Despite the whirlwind nature of the event, we consider ourselves fortunate to have had the Prime Minister in our midst.

During his time at Sutherland, Mr. Trudeau engaged with students from various groups, including the Global Perspectives class, Girls Club, Boys Club, and Sabre Council. Not only that, but he also made a point to interact with many students outside these groups as he left the building.

Kudos to our students for conducting themselves with utmost respect during the Q&A session and informal interactions. Their exemplary behavior truly mirrors the spirit of our school community. Having the leader of our nation connect with our students was a privilege, and we're confident that this experience will be etched in their memories for a long time.

Please visit the [School District](https://www.sd44.ca/school/sutherland) website for the full story.





## SUTHERLAND EXPLORER APPLICATION DEADLINE



Attention grade 9 students! Are you interested in challenging yourself and collaborating with peers? Do you enjoy being outdoors and learning by doing? Are you interested in paddle boarding, snowshoeing and camping? The Social Studies Explorer program could be for you. Applications are due Friday March 8th. Please see Mr. Aw-Yong in D201 if you have any questions.

## PARENT TEACHER CONFERENCES

The spring session of Parent-Teacher-Student Learning Conferences is approaching! The event date is Thursday, March 14, 2024. Conferences will last 5 minutes each. The evening will be divided into two sessions: 2:15pm – 4:15pm and 6:00pm – 8:00pm. Meetings will be held in the Large Gym unless otherwise specified.

The booking window will be available from Monday, February 26, at 7:00am to Friday, March 8, at 11:59pm. No appointments will be accepted after the window closes.

Please refer to the letter sent by Ms. Smart on February 5th.



## PHYSICAL ACTIVITY AT SUTHERLAND



While not a regular part of the curriculum, incorporating a martial arts event in Physical and Health Education (PHE) classes offered students a unique and enriching experience. This special session allowed them to explore various disciplines, improving physical fitness and self-defence skills while instilling valuable life skills like discipline and respect.

# ATHLETICS



Congrats to our Senior Boys Basketball team on their February 13th win! Go Sabres!

A shout out to our gymnastics team who travelled to the provincial this week! Huge congratulations to all of the team!

Overall, our girls team came 6th, our boys team came 4th, and our combined ranking is also 4th.

The team were all fabulous ambassadors of Sutherland. There were lots of personal best achievements over the 3 days.



## CAREERS



Career Pathways 44 — A resource for students

The Career Pathways 44 website is designed to support students as they explore the future of work and career opportunities.

Students will learn about programs, events and initiatives that provide information and insights to various careers and career paths. Students will also learn how they can gain practical experience while still in school through programs such as WEX (Work Experience) or Youth Train in Trades. Visit Career Pathways 44 for more information.

# CAREER FAIR - REGISTER NOW!



The poster features a dark blue header with a yellow starburst graphic containing the word "FREE". Below this, the text "DREAM IT • BE IT" is written in large white letters, followed by "CAREER SUPPORT" in a teal banner and "For Young Women" in white. A subtitle reads "Female identifying, transgender, non-binary, and Two-Spirit". The Soroptimist International of North & West Vancouver logo is on the left, with the text "SOROPTIMIST INTERNATIONAL OF NORTH & WEST VANCOUVER" and "Career Fair" in large bold letters. The event details are "March 6th 2024 4pm-7pm" and "Carson Graham Secondary 2145 Jones Ave, North Vancouver". A list of bullet points describes the event. A photograph of three women in safety vests is on the right. A red starburst says "Door Prizes!" and a teal starburst says "Win a \$500 Training/Education Voucher!". A QR code is in the bottom left, and contact information is in the bottom right.

**FREE**

**DREAM IT • BE IT**

**CAREER SUPPORT**

**For Young Women**

Female identifying, transgender, non-binary, and Two-Spirit

**SOROPTIMIST INTERNATIONAL OF NORTH & WEST VANCOUVER**

**Career Fair**

March 6th 2024  
4pm-7pm

Carson Graham Secondary  
2145 Jones Ave, North Vancouver

- For ages 16 to 21
- Hear and meet inspiring women from a variety of interesting and non-traditional careers, trades, and professions
- Interact in an informal atmosphere and gather valuable knowledge
- Free dinner and refreshments
- The chance to win a \$500 training or education voucher.

**Door Prizes!**

**Win a \$500 Training/Education Voucher!**

**REGISTRATION FOR THIS EVENT IS FREE**

Questions?  
[SINWVDIBI@gmail.com](mailto:SINWVDIBI@gmail.com)  
[www.soroptimistnvwv.org](http://www.soroptimistnvwv.org)

Here are a few highlights of the event:

- Attendees must register using the QR code on the below DIBI Career Fair poster or this [link](#)
- Free admission
- March 6th, 4 – 7 pm at Carson Graham School
- Snacks and dinner are included
- 21 career role models registered to date from a wide variety of occupations – our goal is 30
- 3 x \$500 coupons for training/education courses and many door prizes



# GRADUATION CEREMONY

Convocation Ceremony  
Monday, June 17th, 2024 7:00pm\*  
\*Grads are asked to please arrive by 6:15pm.



Location: Queen Elizabeth Theatre  
630 Hamilton Street, Vancouver

**STAY TUNED: More details will be posted in MS Teams, shared via school communications and our website once they become available.**

# GRADUATION DINNER & DANCE



Saturday, June 22nd, 2024  
Vancouver Marriott Pinnacle Hotel  
1128 West Hastings Street  
Graduation Banquet Information:

Please listen to announcements and watch for updates on the Class of 2024 MS Teams page.

Please note that this is a dry event: there is no alcohol permitted prior to arrival or during this event for all guests and there are no in and out privileges or refunds for those not granted entry or asked to leave due to alcohol or substance use. As a school event, all Sutherland Code of Conduct expectations apply. We are aware that this is an expensive event for families compared with pre-pandemic pricing, but with the rising costs of foods and services, it is the lowest price we can charge to run the event.

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# GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS

For the most up to date information regarding British Columbia's graduation requirements, please click on the following link: [BC's Graduation Requirements](#)

If you have any questions regarding your courses, or if you are on the right path to reach your academic and post secondary goals, please see your Grade Counsellor.



## UPCOMING DATES

Friday, Mar 1st - Yearbook Ordering Deadline

Monday, Mar 4th - Friday, Mar 8th Literacy Week

Monday, Mar 4th - Deadline for 2024-2025 Course Requests

Friday, Mar 8th - Parent Teacher Conference Booking Window Closes

Friday, Mar 8th - Sutherland Pep Rally

Friday, Mar 8th - YELL Application Deadline

Friday, Mar 8th - Sutherland Explorer Application Deadline

Thursday, Mar 14th - Friday Mar 15th Parent/Teacher Learning Conferences

Thursday, Mar 14th - Capstone Market

Saturday, Mar 16th - Monday Apr 1st - Spring Break (School Closed)

Tuesday, Apr 2nd - School Reopens

Tuesday, Apr 2nd - Semester 2 Gr 8 Rotation 2 Start

Wednesday, Apr 10th - Grade 9 Immunizations

Thursday, Apr 11th - Capstone Showcase

Monday, Apr 15th - Thursday Apr 18th - Provincial Assessments

Monday, April 15th - PAC Meeting

Friday, Apr 19th School Based Pro D Day (School Closed)

Monday, Apr 22nd - Report Cards Published